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Response to Office Action

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2000. Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response three months, up to, and including April 13, 2001, along with the necessary fee. Please charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-64.

Please add claims 65-71.